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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2005.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 2-12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 May 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in lines 1 and 5, “The invention” should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The British spelling of words such as “colour” and “minimising” should be corrected. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brony ('434).

In regard to claims 2-8, the Brony reference discloses a “liquid dispensing apparatus” (see Figures 4-6) comprising a “bottle” V, a “bottle neck liner” 58 and a “flat-nosed syringe” 30 having a “plunger” and a “barrel” (inherent), the bottle having a bottle neck in which is located the bottle neck liner such that liquid cannot flow between the bottle neck liner and the bottle neck, the bottle neck liner comprising a “sleeve” 52 defining a “bore” 54 having an inward step located within the bottle neck, an “aperture” 56 being defined inwardly of the inward step, wherein the sleeve is dimensioned such

that when the syringe barrel is inserted into the sleeve, the bore sealingly accommodates the distal end region of the syringe barrel with the distal end region in abutment with the inward step, wherein no part of the distal end extends beyond the bore, and wherein liquid cannot flow between the sleeve and the barrel, but can leave the bottle only via the aperture and thence the syringe.

In regard to claim 9, see column 1, line 14.

In regard to claim 10, see "closure" 60 in Figure 5.

In regard to claim 11, the method would be inherent during normal use and operation of the device.

In regard to claim 12, the patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product in the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process (see MPEP 2113).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1 is allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Paoletti, Brony, Evers, and Ikeda et al. pertain to various syringe and bottle transfer devices, similar to Applicant's device.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy L. Maust whose telephone number is (571) 272-4891. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thur. 6:30 - 5:00.

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